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History of
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Design:

Technology,
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Business

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Overview of the Course

This course provides a historical and critical approach to the evolution of computer and video game design from its beginnings to the present. It brings together cultural, business, and technical perspectives. Students should come away from the course with an understanding of the history of this medium, as well as insights into design, production, marketing, and socio-cultural impacts of interactive entertainment and communication.

The course will offer reading, discussion, guest presentations and projects on the developing culture and technology of computer and video game design. Historical contexts include entertainment media, computing technology, applications of gaming technology and business history. Topics include: play in human culture; early computer games from Chess to Spacewar; the role of artificial intelligence research; history of computer graphics and sound technology; the evolution of techniques and genres of computer game design; business competition; games and the microcomputer revolution; networked gaming; gadgets and games as factors in the evolution of software and hardware; marketing; gendering of games and game play; virtual worlds; simulation; video and computer game industries; technology transfer (e.g., military simulations).

Participation in this course requires use of Stanford's Coursework system; please enroll via Axess and verify your enrollment in Coursework.

"The History of Computer Game Design" is part of "How They Got

News for Students

The IGDA will award 25 scholarships to send qualified students to the 2005 Games Developers Conference (GDC). GDC is where game development professionals around the world gather to share ideas and build skills that the industry needs. Located in San Francisco, California, this year's GDC will be held March 7, 2005.

- Scholarship applications must be submitted online before Tuesday, January 18, 2005.
- Only full-time college (or similar) students are eligible, and 18 years of age or older as of March 7, 2005.
- Applicants must be an IGDA Student Member in good standing. If you are not currently a Student Member, you must join the IGDA before applying for the scholarship. All applications will be verified.
- Past scholarship recipients are not eligible (you know who you are).
- Recipients will be awarded one ClassInPass, with access to sessions, roundtables, and keynotes. Breakfast and lunch included.
- Students are responsible for all travel arrangements and costs.
- Scholarship applications will be judged by members of the IGDA Board of Directors, Education Committee and Studio Affiliate Program.

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• Recipients will be announced by February 9, 2005.

More information:
<http://www.igda.org/scholarships/>

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